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1. BOEING SALES TEAM IN JORDAN JANUARY 11 - 13 FOR DEMONSTRATION OF 747B COMBINATION PASSENGER/CARGO AIRCRAFT. DURING DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT JANUARY 12 FOR KING HUSSEIN AND QUEEN ALIA, ACCOMPANIED BY TOP ROYAL JORDANIAN AIRLINE - ALIA AND BOEING EXECUTIVES, KING REPORTEDLY PILOTED AIRCRAFT. THAT EVENING AIRLINE HOSTED DINNER IN HONOR OF BOEING TEAM AND ATTENDED BY ALIA AND GOJ OFFICIALS, AMBASSADOR PICKERING, RCAA AND EMBASSY OFFICERS. FOLLOWING MORNING AMBASSADOR ATTENDED DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT FOR AIRLINE AND GOJ OFFICIALS.

2. ACCORDING TO ALIA HEAD, ALI GHANDOUR, SELECTION OF TWO WIDE BODIED AIRCRAFT FOR COMPANY WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL AROUND MARCH 1, 1975 (REF C). IN MEETING WITH BEIRUT-BASED U.S. JOURNALISTS JUST AFTER DEMONSTRATION, HOWEVER, KING HUSSEIN INDICATED HE HAD DECIDED TO PURCHASE BOEING 747'S.

3. ALIA PLANNING MANAGER REPORTED COMPANY STILL
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PLANNING TO BUY TWO USED 707-384C AIRCRAFT FROM

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS AND EXPECTS TO HAVE PLANES READY FOR
SERVICE IN SPRING. THERE IS SOME INDICATION, HOWEVER,
THAT ALIA IS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN SECURING FINANCING
FOR 707 PURCHASE.
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